



# Town Against Graffiti

## T.A.G.



### An Anti-Graffiti Educational Program



T.A.G., Town Against Graffiti, is an anti-graffiti educational program created by the Kernersville Police Department. The program seeks to educate the community about graffiti and its connection to gangs. If your school, civic group, church, or association, would like to learn how graffiti impacts our community, why gangs use graffiti, and what you can do about it call to schedule a presentation. T.A.G. also has a youth component for audiences between the ages of 10 and 14.

### Did You Know?

- Kernersville has a graffiti ordinance making it illegal to possess certain graffiti tools, i.e. spray cans, or markers, on or near public property.
- North Carolina law makes most acts of graffiti a misdemeanor, and others a felony.
- There are five active gangs in Kernersville. Each one has unique graffiti patterns.
- Gangs use graffiti in our schools to instigate fights and recruit others into their gang.
- Gangs use graffiti in the community to promote their gang, intimidate others, and communicate threats.
- Kernersville is experiencing two main forms of graffiti; tagging and gang graffiti.
- Taggers see their graffiti as art. This form is usually colorful, and may be seen as artistic and creative.
- Gang graffiti always delivers a message by using numbers, letters, symbols, or certain signs known within the gang community. It is usually only one color and is seen has noncreative.
- Removing graffiti as soon as practical is the best prevention method.

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